

REMARKS

Claims 5-19 and 24-29 remain the case. Claims 3, 4, 22, and 23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their content. The allowance of claims 7-19 and 24-28 is noted with appreciation. The remaining unallowed claims are claims 5, 6, and newly-added claim 29. Support for claim 29 is shown in Fig. 13 and page 25, lines 13-19, where the light-cutting film 104 is formed on the insulating film 106.

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the U.S. Patent to Shimada et al. ("Shimada") No. 6,268,895. This rejection is respectfully traversed and the discussion which follows applies also to claim 29. The present invention, as claimed in claims 5, 6, and 29 is significantly distinct from the disclosure of Shimada even though there is some similarity because both disclose a liquid crystal apparatus with a peripheral light shield.

Because the rejection is under Section 102 based on Shimada, it is submitted the Examiner is required to show all the claimed structure in this single reference, and it is respectfully submitted that this has not been done.

For example, there is no teaching of providing separation slits in a peripheral area outside of the image area so as to surround the image area. The Examiner contends that this element of claims 5 and 6 is taught in Shimada, but such teaching cannot be found in referenced col. 19, lines 20-48 or in Figs. 12 and 14. In anticipation the Examiner has misconstrued claim 5 and believes that this claim states it is the light-cutting film that surrounds the image area, the words "said separation slits surrounding" have been added which make clear that it is the separation slits that surround the image area. This language also appears in new claim 29, which additionally includes the

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distinguishing clause "or on a common insulating member" with respect to where the conductive light-cutting film is formed.

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims in the case, namely, claims 5-19 and 24-29, are earnestly solicited.

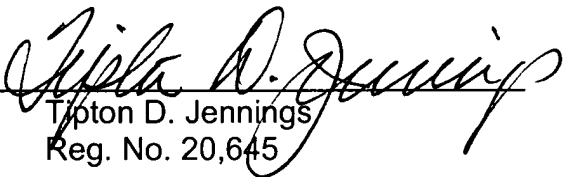
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